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Serial No.: **09/921,588**

Examiner: **H. Shakeri**

Title: **MULTIPOINT POLISHING FLUID DELIVERY SYSTEM**

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3. Exhibit A is enclosed herewith in support of the declaration that we conceived of and reduced to practice the invention in this country on or before March 22, 2001.
4. Exhibit A is a copy of an invention alert that was submitted, on or before March 22, 2001, to the Applied Materials Patent Department as part of an invention disclosure that forms the basis of the present application.
5. Exhibit A includes a rotating polishing material having an upwardly facing polishing surface for polishing a substrate thereon, an arm having a delivery portion disposed at least partially over the polishing surface, a first nozzle disposed on the

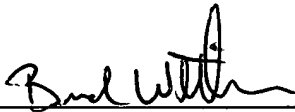
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delivery portion and adapted to flow the polishing fluid at a first rate and at least a second nozzle disposed on the delivery portion and adapted to flow the polishing fluid at a second rate that is different than the first rate, wherein the first nozzle dispenses a greater volume of polishing fluid on a first portion of the polishing surface as it interfaces with the substrate than the polishing fluid of equal concentration dispensed on a second portion of the polishing surface by the second nozzle. See, page 3, paragraphs 7 and 8; page 4, figure 1.

6. Exhibit A is offered as supporting evidence that the system of the present invention, as recited in claim 1, was conceived of and reduced to practice on or before March 22, 2001, the filing date of the U.S. patent 6,398,627 issued to Chiou.

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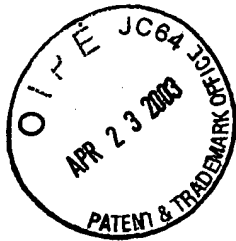
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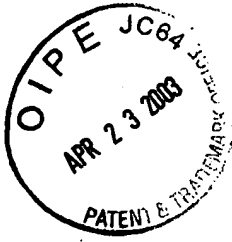
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1. Title of Invention (please print clearly):

A method and apparatus for controlling the removal profile during 300mm copper CMP.

2. Inventors-Names only-(please print clearly and provide complete information at Section 9.)

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3. Earliest dates and model names of all Applied products incorporating the invention which have been offered for sale or are expected to be offered for sale:

No current products incorporate the invention. The invention could eventually become applicable to all 300mm copper ReflexionTM systems.

4. If the invention has been demonstrated or described to persons other than Applied employees, for each disclosure please provide the earliest date, name of company, a brief description of what was disclosed and the purpose of the disclosure. Attach a copy of any related non-disclosure agreements:

The invention has not been described to persons outside of Applied Materials.

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None.

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6. Describe any other known designs or processes, whether actually implemented or merely proposed in a publication, which could be considered similar to your invention or which constitute the state-of-the-art improved upon by your invention: If described in a publication, attach a copy of same or provide a citation.

No research done. No known designs.

7. List each feature of the invention which you consider novel and non-obvious. Describe the advantages of each novel feature in comparison with the state-of-the-art approaches which are most similar to your invention:

Several techniques have been introduced to systematically control the removal rate profile during copper CMP (e.g. Backside pressure contouring via flexible membrane). In this method, a slurry is delivered to the CMP pad in such a way that it discretely affects the material removal characteristics of known localized regions across the diameter of the wafer. The global profile characteristics of the wafer can be predicted by metering controlled amounts of a slurry to various points across the useable region of the CMP pad.

8. Describe the invention, preferably with reference to attached drawings:

The invention consists of a multi-port slurry delivery arm with discrete metering capability for each port (Fig 1). The multi-port slurry delivery arm enables the user to modulate the global non-uniformity across the wafer (Fig. 2 A-E) or affect the removal at a localized region of the wafer (Fig. 3 F,G). Both characteristics are useful for addressing as-deposited plating profiles and varying edge conditions.

Fig. 1

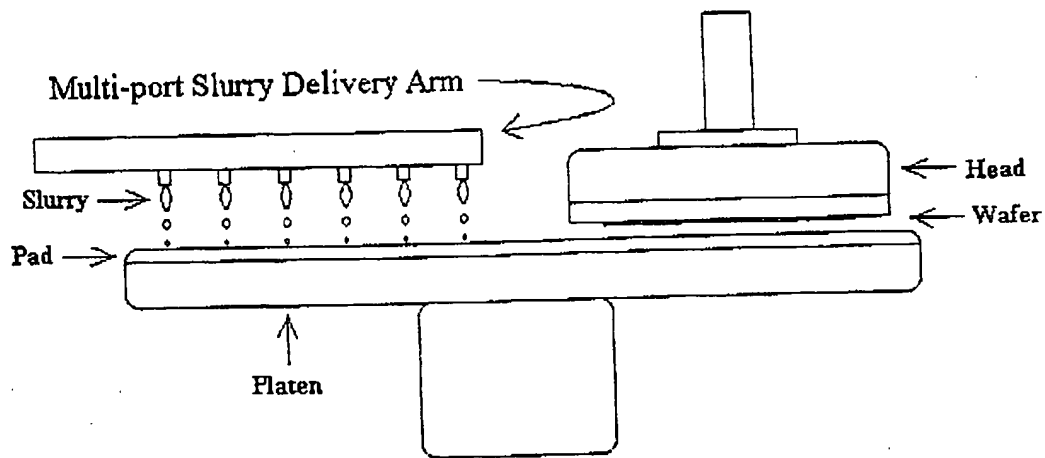


Fig. 2

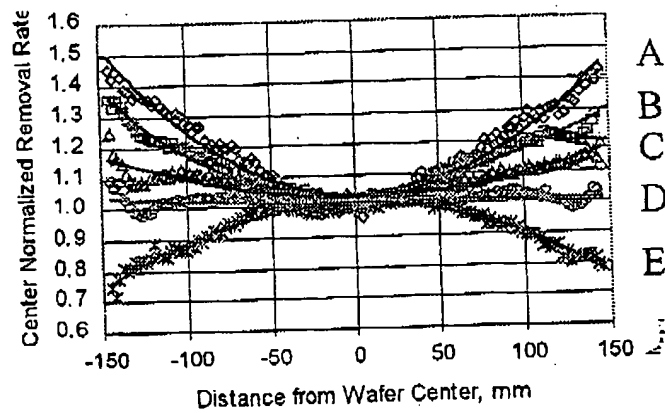
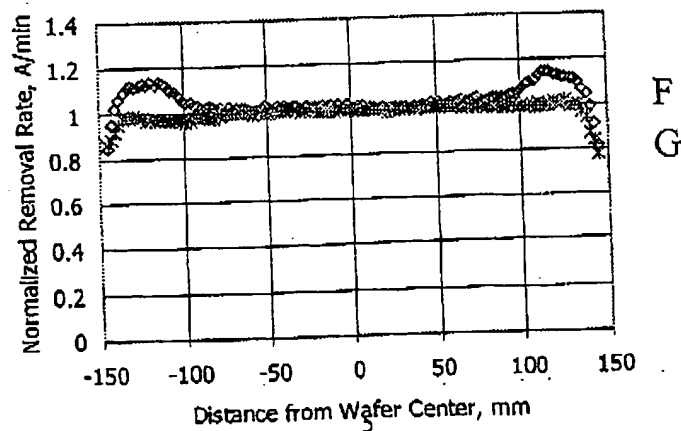


Fig. 3



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